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SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR WITHDRAWS AS HOST OF IDB ANNUAL MEETING

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2101 (NOTAL)

1. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED LATE FRIDAY MAY 5 BY OFFICE OF PRESIDENT
ANNOUNCED THAT GOES HAD DECIDED TO WITHDRAW AS HOST OF IDB
ANNUAL MEETING. REASON CITED WAS LACK OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES
FOR EXPECTED NUMBER OF VISITORS. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
OF COMMUNIQUE.

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2. "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC DECIDED TODAY TO
DECLINE THE SEAT OF THE 18TH ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS OF THE
IDB, SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF THIS MONTH. THE DECISION
WAS TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT, IN SPITE OF THE EFFORTS
OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO FINISH THE
HOTEL PRESIDENTE AND ADDITIONAL HOTEL INSTALLATIONS ON
TIME, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE LODGING AND SER-

VICES FOR THE LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS FROM THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CIRCLES WHO DESIRE TO ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY.

"CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THIRTEEN COUNTRIES FROM OUTSIDE THE CONTINENT WOULD ATTEND AS MEMBERS, AMONG THEM THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND ISRAEL AND JAPAN. FOR THIS REASON, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHO INDICATED AN INTEREST IN ATTENDING EXCEEDED ALL PREVIOUS ESTIMATES.

"THOSE ATTENDING THEREFORE, WOULD HAVE BEEN THE GOVERNOR OF THE 37 MEMBER COUNTRIES, OBSERVERS FROM 31 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE SUPPORT PERSONNEL OF THE BANK ITSELF.

"IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT THE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE VISITORS TOOK PRIORITY AND, WITHOUT BEING CERTAIN OF BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE THEM FULLY, THAT IT WAS BEST TO WITHDRAW THE COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME IN ORDER NOT TO DAMAGE THE IMAGE OF EL SALVADOR AS THE HOST COUNTRY OF AN EVENT OF SUCH INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

"IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEM, THE GOVERNMENT, CONSCIOUS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN CARRYING OUT THIS IMPORTANT FINANCIAL EVENT, AND AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE MATTER AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, DECIDED TO DECLINE THE SEAT OF THE 18TH ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNORS OF THE IDB.

"THIS DECISION WILL BE COMMUNICATED OFFICIALLY TO THE IDB EARLY NEXT MONDAY." LOZANO UNQUOTE CHRISTPHER

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